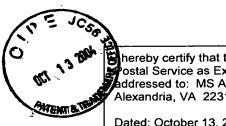
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2004 (Paper No. 20040412), the response period of which is extended to October 15, 2004 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.